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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Friedhelm MUELLER
GAS CHROMATOGRAPH
Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT
Our Ref. Q75326

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirteen (13) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and two (2) sheets of drawings. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment and Information Disclosure Statement will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE01/04819, filed December 20, 2001, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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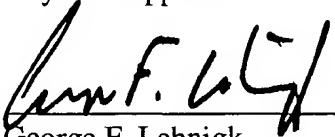
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The priority document is enclosed herewith. Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, June 23, 2003 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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